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Sir :

In response to the Final Official Action dated January 29, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Final Office Action to expire on April 29, 2010, no extension of time is believed necessary to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, such as for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, and/or any fee is necessary, including any extension of time and/or claim fee, the undersigned expressly requests any required extension of time and/or authorizes the charging of any requisite fee to maintain the pendency of the application and for due consideration of this response to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.